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**PATENT**

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PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED**

NOTE: See 37 CFR 1.78.

**17. Relate Back**

**WARNING:** If an application claims the benefit of the filing date of an earlier filed application under 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 or 365(c), the 20-year term of that application will be based upon the filing date of the earliest U.S. application that the application makes reference to under 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 or 365(c). (35 U.S.C. 154(a)(2) does not take into account, for the determination of the patent term, any application on which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119, 365(a) or 365(b).) For a c-i-p application, applicant should review whether any claim in the patent that will issue is supported by an earlier application and, if not, the applicant should consider canceling the reference to the earlier filed application. The term of a patent is not based on a claim-by-claim approach. See Notice of April 14, 1995, 60 Fed. Reg. 20,195, at 20,205.

(complete the following, if applicable)

☒ Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line, the following sentence:

**A. 35 U.S.C. 119(e)**

NOTE: "Any nonprovisional application claiming the benefit of one or more prior filed copending provisional applications must contain or be amended to contain in the first sentence of the specification following the title a reference to each such prior provisional application, identifying it as a provisional application, and including the provisional application number (consisting of series code and serial number)." 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(4).

☐ "This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No(s).:

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213

April 5, 1999

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please enter the following amendments to the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) An apparatus for holding a plurality of cells comprising:

a mechanism for incubating the plurality of cells having a dynamically

controlled environment in which the plurality of cells are grown, which is maintained in a

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